(Amount in Rs. crore)

Year	NH(O) including Permanent Bridge Fee Fund (PBFF)		Maintenance and Repair	
	Allocation	Release/ Expenditure	Allocation	Release/ Expenditure
2005-06	78.99	66.29	47.66	45.89
2006-07	119.07	106.17	34.58	32.59
2007-08 (upto 31st July, 2007)	103.82	32.584	2921	10.45

No state-wise fund is allocated by NHAI. In the NHDP works, where contracts have been awarded for 4/6 laning and strengthening of existing NHs, maintenance is carried out by concessionaire/contractor. In other stretches, the expenditure incurred by NHAI, through State PWD, on maintenance of National Highways during last three years is as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2005-06	7.55
2006-07	7.52
2007-08 (upto July, 2007)	5.19

Crisis of safe drinking water

1324. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing serious crisis of safe drinking water;

(b) whether Government have formulated any national policy to this effect;

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for tackling serious crisis of safe drinking water in the country, particularly in Maharashtra State;

(d) whether Government are considering to change water purification method through Chlorine as it sometimes causes serious health problems in the country; and

(e) the details of healthy and cost effective water purification being used by the developed nations and Government's response/reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Supply pf drinking water is a State subject. The Ministry has not received any information from the State Governments about serious crisis in availability of safe drinking water in the urban areas of the country.

The drinking water has been assigned first allocation priority in planning & operation of system in the National Water Policy, 2002 announced by the Government of India.

However, in order to improve drinking water supply and mitigate water supply shortage in the urban areas, Govt. of India has launched two new initiatives *i.e.* Urban Infrastructure and Governance and Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission in December, 2005 under which financial assistance is provided to all the State Governments and UT Administration as per guidelines provide infrastructure facilities including water supply. Details of projects approved under these Schemes for State of Maharashtra are given in Statement-I and II respectively *(See* below). Under Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) 37 projects were approved for State of Maharashtra and full Central share of Rs. 5789.12 lakh has been released. This scheme has been subsumed in UIDSSMT *w.e.f.* December, 2005.

(d) At present there is no proposal with Government of India to switch over to any other methods of purification/disinfection.

(e) In developing countries, the treated water for domestic consumption is disinfected through chlorination/ozonation/UV radiation process and supplied on continuous basis. Though Ozonation and UV radiation process are effective in disinfecting the water but it is more costly compared to chlorination. Chlorination is safer for intermittent water supply system, which is prevailing in the country. It also helps maintain 'residual effect' as there may be possibility of contamination of water in distribution lines during non-supply hours.

Statement-I

DPRS approved in the water supply sector for Maharashtra under submission for urban infrastructure and governance (JNNURM)

SI. No.	State	City	Sector	Project Name	Approved Cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Central Share Admissible (Rs. in Lakhs)	Central Share Released (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Maharashtra	Greater Mumbai	Water Supply	Middle Vaitarna Water Supply Project for Mumbai-IV	132950.00	46532.5	2326.00
2	Maharashtra	Greater Mumbai	Water Supply	DPR for additional 110 MLD Water supply scheme of THANE	7118.00	2491.3	249.13

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	Maharashtra	Greater Mumbai	Water Supply	Underground Tunnel from Malabar Hill Reservoir to Cross Maidan (3.6 kms)	9398.79	3289.576	Recently approved
4	Maharashtra	Nanded	Water Supply	Improvement to water supply in North Nanded	9087.00	7269.6	1817.50
5	Maharashtra	Nanded	Water Supply	Water Supply for Nanded (South)	4945.00	3956	989.00
6	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Lifting water from Pench Reservoir and conveying upto Mahadulla by mortar lined MS pipeline in lieu of canal	14463.70	7231.85	1800.00
7	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Expansion and upgradation of water supply distribution network in Nagpur city	3793.00	1896.5	474.12
8	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Energy Audit Projects for Water Supply	2503.62	1251.81	312.95
9	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Water Sector (Leak Detection)	329.77	164.885	41.22
10	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Water Audit Projects	2500.00	1250	' 312.50
11	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Water Supply Pench IV (Part 2)	6196.00	3098	774.50
12	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Water Supply Pench IV (Part 3)	8059.27	4029.635	1007.38
13	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Water Supply Pench IV (Part 4)	10460.68	5230.34	1307.58

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Kanhan Augmentation Scheme	8217.00	4108.5	1027.12
15	Maharashtra	Nagpur	Water Supply	Recycle and Reuse of Waste Water	13011.00	6505.5	813.00
16	Maharashtra	Nashik	Water Supply	Ongoing works of Water Supply Projects	5052.00	2526	631.50
17	Maharashtra	Pune	Water Supply	Water Supply proposals (4 Nos.) for Pimpri Chinchwad	35862.00	17931	4482.75
				Total (Rs in lakhs)	273946.83	118762.996	18366.25

Statement-II

UIDSSMT: Maharashtra

Status of water supply schemes (As on 10.8.2007)

SI. No.	Name of Town	Approved Cost	ACA Released	Year of Release
1	2	3	4	5
1	Islampur	1454.00	603.410	2006-07
2	Bhor	319.20	132.468	2006-07
3	Ashta	673.50	279.500	2006-07
4	Sangli (WS,S), Miraj, Kupwad	7902.00	0.000	.
	Sangli, Miraj (WS,S), Kupwad	3562.00	0.000	
5	Mangalwedha	796.50	330.540	2006-07
6	Chopda	486.00	201.690	2006-07
7	Kolhapur	5844.00	0.000	2006-07
8	Pusad	839.00	348.140	2006-07
9	Baramati	1368.00		
10	Bhadravati	1752.50	715.958	2006-07
11	Jalna	12399.00		
12	Malegaon	4611.00	1913.570	2006-07,2007-08
13	Chiplun	956.00	396.740	2006-07,2007-08
14	Sangola	2145.00		

1	2	3	4	5
15	Beed	2076.00		
16	Amalner	2487.00		
17	Washim	2997.00		
18	Achalpur	3759.00	1559.990	2006-07,2007-08
19	Dapoli	142.00		
20	Amaravati	9329.000		
21	Aurangabad	35967.000		
22	Sonepeth	298.000		
23	Sailu	1189.000		
24	Pathri	1043.000		
25	Parbhani	10448.000		
26	Telhara	614.000		
27	Tasgaon	1456.000		
28	Akot	1957.000		
29	Yavatmal	1096.000		
30	Ahmadnagar	2539.000		
31	Shahda	1724.000		
32	Shrirampur	4357.000		
33	Chalisgaon	407.000		
34	Karad	2910.000		
35	Parola	403.000		
36	Basmath	3213.000		
37	Manmad	336.000		
38	Murtijapur	1767.000		
39	Jintur	909.000		
	Cost	138530.700	6482.006	

Jamshedpur-Ranchi-Hazaribagh NH

1325. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when would the Jamshedpur-Ranchi-Hazaribagh National Highway would be converted into four-lane;

(b) whether Government are aware that these are naxalite-affected areas and hence require very good roads for transport to move smoothly; and

(c) the financial allocation made to this road to be converted into four-lane and by when would the project be completed?